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TITLE: WELDING TORCH WITH A DRIVE UNIT AND A WIRE BUFFER  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT IN RCE**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Commissioner:

In advance of continued examination and in further response to the Final Office Action dated November 23, 2009 and the Advisory Action dated March 16, 2010, with the period for response having been extended for one month from February 23, 2010 until March 23, 2010 by petition and payment of the extension fee, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.